



CONTRACT LAW DIVISION

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Biweekly Report—Period Ending June 03, 2000

Computer & Hi-Tech Mgmt., Inc. v. U.S., COFC No. 282C

On June 2, the parties agreed, with concurrence of the court, to a modified briefing schedule for this COMMTS lawsuit. The new briefing schedule is as follows: plaintiff's papers are due on June 8 and are to include jurisdictional arguments; defendant's papers are due on June 15 (opposition to the motion for a preliminary injunction, with opposing papers on jurisdiction; the parties' replies are due on June 19; and oral argument is scheduled for June 21. Because the court believes that in order to determine whether injunctive relief should result, it may have to review each pending task order, it also ordered that we provide a list of pending task order awards, the anticipated date of award, the identity of the agency involved and the anticipated awardee.

Debcon, Inc. v. Department of Commerce, GSBGA 13923-COM

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Department sent a letter to the Arizona Board of Tax Appeals regarding Debcon's contract for the construction of a weather forecast office in Flagstaff, Arizona. The parties participated in a conference call with Judge Parker on June 1, 2000, to confirm that all terms under the agreement were met. We drafted a Joint Motion for Dismissal to be filed at the Board. (Amy Freeman Pierce and Mark Langstein)

NESDIS/SARSAT

CLDer Mark Langstein attended a meeting to discuss NESDIS/SARSAT plans for the next generation of LUTs. These Local User Terminals receive distress signals from the SARSAT space segment located on NOAA's polar orbiting weather satellites. The next generation of LUTs will include more sophisticated signal processing capabilities and may also include the ability to process SARSAT signals from GOES spacecraft.

NOAA/SAO-

NOAA is procuring a new Fisheries Research Vessel (FRV) to support key National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) research. The multi-million dollar FRV-40 Acquisition Program is for a 40-day endurance ship (including options for additional vessels) to augment the

existing fleet. These vessels are required to be acoustically quiet to support a broad spectrum of advanced NMFS research, conservation and management programs. Ed Weber has been assisting the SAO CO and the FRV-40 Program Manager in resolving various legal issues in connection with this acquisition, as well as reviewing multiple versions of the draft solicitation which is currently projected for release on or about June 5, 2000.

Nexrad TPMS

We have received a proposal from contractor Powerware to replace the installed inertial units with battery-powered static UPS. The proposal would unacceptably shift much of the \$5,000,000 cost increase to the Government. (Mark Langstein)

New Email Addresses for Contract Law Division

The Division is using a new email system. Email addresses are Internet addresses with the format FName.LName@mail.doc.gov

CLD "Time to Complete"—1.1 Days

Actions by Contract Law Division during Period from 05/21/2000 06/03/2000

Bureau	Received	Completed
CENSUS	3	3
NIST	3	3
NOAA	9	8
NTIA	1	1
NTIS	1	0
OIG	0	1
PTO	2	2
Totals	19	18

Contract Law Division—Client Workload
Period Ending 06/03/2000

